

EXECUTIVE

Minutes Exec Meeting 03.02.2021

There was a meeting of the LSU Executive Committee on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 3pm via Teams

1. PRESENT:

Matt Youngs, Fejiro Amam, Ana-Maria Bilciu and Alex Marlowe

2. APOLOGIES:

James Greer and Trevor Page

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Held on 25th January – the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed

4. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

- EM to get details from JG and book a meeting with the relevant people to discuss further.
- FA to start looking into and investigate the grant breakdown and current spend. FA and TP to discuss what spend is shared/presented to the University (block grant)

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1) Graduation 2021 – led by Matt Youngs

Graduation is being pushed back to summer so two years of graduations will take place. The University have two scenarios and backup plan but want to hear feedback from LSU.

Option 1 – two back-to-back weeks of graduation (two Grad balls a week apart).

Option 2 – extend graduation week to Monday to Friday, compress it into one week and run additional graduation ceremonies every day and at the end of the week two Grad Balls to take place in the same weekend.

Back up – if restrictions do not permit, hire a big marquee to do outdoor graduations.

At the moment, the team are leaning towards option 1 but would prefer input from the Officer Team to bring in more opinion.

2) Transparency PMB – led by Fejiro Amam

FA discussed transparency issues at LSU he feels there are a lot that LSU can be more transparent about and because of this would like to create a PMB to work on this further.

AM noted how bad the issues are with the website and the lack of access/pages/student content. The rules that go along with the website are also not very good. All agree in line with LSU's strategy that we should have a better website for our students.

Can we launch a digital strategy area? AMB noted issues with resource allocation.

MY updated on current recruitment progress with the web developer role.

How would this PMB differ to SUMS PMB? – AMB confirmed that SUMS PMB met last week, they have concentrated on certain things, and she thinks the website can be addressed separately to SUMS.

Have we (the Exec) had enough word/say in how we deliver some of our strategic objectives?

ACTION FA to draw up a terms of reference and bring back to the meeting in due course

3) LURES - led by Alex Marlowe

At University HR Committee today, this policy was approved for the next ten years.

ACTION - All to read through the attachment circulated strategic goals and guiding principles etc.

This is a massive step in the race equality movement.



LURES.pdf

6. REFERRALS AND UPDATES FROM UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

7. STRATEGY UPDATE

8. PROJECT MANAGEMENT BOARDS

9. FINANCE/BUDGETS

To be circulated prior to meeting

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Students Union Against fees campaign invite for tonight – AMB can no longer go; MY will go in her place.

Webinars supporting students – taking place on 11th February – at a cost of £99, it was approved this is a good investment if AMB attends, she will feedback to the team after.

AMB, AM and FA sent apologies for Friday's lockdown meeting. It will be cancelled for this week

Will Davies from University – exit planning and careers planning workshop for the team – he would be delighted to do this for the team, the cost is £150. This will go in the diary soon.

Budget session on Friday – historically has involved lots of chocolate coins. How do the team feel about meeting in person? Yes – the team will come into the office and book COVID tests that morning.

There was a discussion about the open letter email re – Exec Elections

There was also further discussion around mitigating circumstances for Exec Elections candidates.

FA will think on it further but has a clear direction from the Exec, but MY confirmed that as the returning officer he has exec backing whatever he decides.



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11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 10am via Teams